(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 has been taken to remove these encroachments.

Illegal Occupation of Railway Quarters

5159. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the railway quarters in S.C. Railway at Secunderabad have been illegally let out/leased out depriving genuine claimants;

(b) if so, the action taken by the authorities including eviction of quarters;

(c) the reasons for serving eviction notices concentrated only in lower type of quarters and higher type of quarters located in Secunderabad have been left out selectively;

(d) the number of quarters are occupied by non-railway employees including police personnel in the city and the action has been taken to evict them for allotting the quaters to genuine railway employees who are waiting for a long period.

(e) whether any special cell has been created to expedite the cases of eviction and to monitor the progress; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. However, a few cases of subletting of railway quarters by railway officials have been noted during the checks conducted by vigilance.

(b) Action under D&AR has been initiated against the delinquent officials besides cancellation of their allotments.

(c) Eviction proceedings have been initiated in all cases where subletting has been detected without exception.

(d) Out of 93 cases of subletting noted during January-March, 1997, 54 quarters were sublet to outsiders. Allotment of these quarters has been cancelled and the same are being allotted to the next eligible employees. The quarters under the occupation of the police personnel are under the administrative control of the State Police since a few decades and their allotments are controlled by them.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Setting up of Terminal Station at Tala

5160. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4159 on December 19, 1996 and state:

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(a) whether the Government have fixed any target to set up Terminal Station at Tala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The proposal of additional facilities at Tala has been approved as "Material Modifications" to the existing estimate of Calcutta Circular Railway. The project is likely to be completed by September 1999, depending on the availability of funds.

Study on Travelling

5161. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made or a committee has been appointed to look into people's preference for Road travel although Railway travel is cheaper and eco-friendly; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such preferences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recruitment of RPF Personnel

5162. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had entrusted the task of undertaking probe into a large number of complaints alleging that some former officials allegedly recruited RPF personnel on consideration of bribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure non-recurrence of the irregularities and corruptions in the recruitment of RPF in Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.